Cell phone use should not be permitted on airplanes. The cramped quarters of commercial aircraft would make one person's cell phone use a source of great irritation to other passengers. Many passengers choose to read, sleep, or watch movies during flights. Cell phone usage could lead to confrontations and incidents of air rage.

Finally, I am not aware of any incidents where cell phone usage on board a commercial aircraft would have yielded any benefits. For example, are there incidents where medical help could have been summoned sooner with a cell phone than through normal cockpit communications?